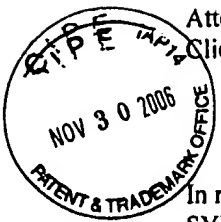


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In re PATENT APPLICATION of: TUOMO SYVANNE
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In response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims 1-11 based on the following remarks.

The Office has maintained a rejection of claims 1-11 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application 2003/0167405 (Freund) in view of U.S. Patent Application 2003/0005089 (Kumar). Applicant traverses the rejection because: (1) Applicant has effectively sworn behind Freund's non-provisional application 102(e) date by establishing Applicant's invention date as early as November 12, 2001; (2) Freund's non-provisional application fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention wherein the current location of a firewall is determined based on an IP address; (3) Freund's provisional application fails to disclose content corresponding to the referenced passages of Freund's non-provisional application identified by the Office Action as the basis for the 103 rejection; and (4) Kumar fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims.

APPLICANT HAS EFFECTIVELY SWORN
BEHIND FREUND'S NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Based on the previous filing of the 132 Declaration executed by the undersigned, Freund is not prior art to the present application. The Office Action indicated that the declaration should have been filed under 131; however, that is incorrect because the